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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of

Yasuyuki MITSUOKA et al.

Serial No. 09/837,836 : Group Art Unit - 2873

Filed: April 18, 2001 : Examiner - Richard E. Hanig

For: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE PROBE

AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

OF THE SAME, AND SCANNING NEAR-FIELD

OPTICAL MICROSCOPE Docket No. S004-4282

MS FEE AMENDMENT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 9, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

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